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## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference  74698-106	<b>FOR FURTHER ACTION</b> see Form PCT/ISA/220 as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No.  PCT/CA2004/000444	International filing date (day/month/year)  29/03/2004	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year)  28/03/2003
Applicant  MED-ENG SYSTEM INC.		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 17 sheets.

It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

**1. Basis of the report**

a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

The international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

b.  With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2.  Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box II).

3.  Unity of invention is lacking (see Box III).

4. With regard to the title,

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the abstract,

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box No. IV. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. With regards to the drawings,

a. the figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 4A

as suggested by the applicant.

as selected by this Authority, because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

as selected by this Authority, because this figure better characterizes the invention.

b.  none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

**Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)**

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1.  Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
  
2.  Claims Nos.: because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
  
3.  Claims Nos.: because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

**Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)**

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

see additional sheet

1.  As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
  
2.  As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
  
3.  As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:

1-114,117-130,144-151

4.  No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

**Remark on Protest**

The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-25,47-61

A head protection system comprising a helmet shell, mounting means for pivotally mounting a visor, retaining means for retaining said visor and a visor comprising a layer of transparent material and at least one layer of ballistic resistant material.

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2. claims: 26-46,99

A helmet comprising a shell and mounting means for pivotally mounting a shield member to said shell and a locking system.

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3. claims: 62-73,144,149-151

A helmet comprising a shell and strap means.

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4. claims: 74-79,87-90,100-114

A helmet comprising a shell, an electrically powered system and a power controller.

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5. claims: 80-86

A helmet comprising a shell, a visor, a moisture reducing means treatment on the surface thereof and electrically powered means for providing ventilation.

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6. claims: 91-98

A helmet comprising a shell, a shield member, coupling means and shock absorption means.

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7. claims: 115-116

A protective helmet having a side portion which covers the ear of the user and a microphone positioned on said side portion.

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8. claims: 117-130

A head protector comprising a helmet shell having a head cavity, a liner, at least one retainer and a packing member.

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FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

9. claims: 131-143

A head protector comprising a helmet shell and a shield and coupling means for slidably engaging and disengaging the shield to and from the helmet.

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10. claims: 145-148

A protective system comprising a helmet and a plurality of visors.

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# INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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## Box No. IV Text of the abstract (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

A head protection system comprises a helmet shell (4), a visor mounting (5) for pivotally mounting a visor (6) to the shell to enable the visor to be moved between raised and lowered positions, and a retainer (8) for releasably retaining the visor to the helmet. The system includes a visor adapted for mounting on the shell which comprises a substrate of transparent thermoplastic material (108) and a backing substrate (130) comprising a plurality of layers of high performance, ballistic resistant material. The system may further include a second visor which can be releasably connected to the shell using the same visor mounting and which may have a different construction and primary function.

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER  
 IPC 7 F41H5/04 F41H1/04

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)  
 IPC 7 F41H A42B A62B G02B

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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Y		2-25, 47-61

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Patent family members are listed in annex.

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